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SUBJ: SECURITY MEASURES TIGHTENED FOLLOWING IN JULY 4 BOMB
INCIDENT

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1. SUMMARY. IN AFTERMATH OF JULY 4 BOMB INCIDENT IN JERUSALEM'S
ZION SQUARE, POLICE AND MILITARY HAVE STEPPED UP SECURITY
MEASURES IN AND AROUND CITY. MEASURES AIMED NOT ONLY AT POTENTIAL
ARAB TERRORISTS BUT ALSO AT ISRAELI YOUTH ENGAGING IN VIGILANTE
ACTIVITIES. FINAL OFFICIAL CAUSALTY TOLL FOR INCIDENT IS 13
DEAD AND 73 INJURED, 23 OF WHOM REMAIN HOSPITALIZED. END SUMMARY.

2. POLICY PATROLS AND ROADBLOCK CHECKPOINTS HAVE BEEN INCREASED
SUBSTANTIALLY IN AND AROUND JERUSALEM SINCE JULY 4 BOMB BLAST
IN ZION SQUARE. ARAB VEHICLES ENTERING CITY FROM NORTH AND
SOUTH SUBJECTED TO MULTIPLE CHECKS, AND SPOT CHECKS TAKING
PLACE AT GATES INTO OLD CITY AND ELSEWHERE IN EAST JERUSALEM
AND IN AREA DIVIDING JEWISH AND ARAB SECTIONS OF CITY. POLICE
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ESPECIALLY IN EVIDENCE IN LATTER AREA, IN MUSRARA (MORASHA)

QUARTER NEAR OLD MANDELBAUM GATE, AS RESULT OF ATTEMPTS BY GROUP OF ISRAELI YOUTH TO TAKE REVENGE FOR BOMB ATTACK ON LOCAL ARABS. POLICE HAVE PREVENTED ANY SERIOUS INCIDENTS, ALTHOUGH DESERTED ARAB WATERMILON STANDS WERE BURNED FRIDAY NIGHT, JULY 4, AND FEW WINDOWS HAVE BEEN BROKEN AND PASSING ARABTRUCKS STONED.

3. MAYOR'S ARAB AFFAIRS ADVISER TELLS US HE MET WITH WATERMELON STAND OWNERS JULY 6 TO OFFER COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES AND ARRANGE FOR REBUILDING OF STANDS IN NEARBY AREA. HE SAID MEETING "SURPRISINGLY FRIENDLY UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES." HE ALSO SAID JEWISH-INSTIGATED INCIDENTS CONFINED TO AREA ADJACENT TO MUSRARA QUARTER. MAYOR KOLLEK MADE RADIO AND TV APPEAL JULY 4 FOR CALM AND RESTRAINT, URGING RESIDENTS NOT TO DO ENEMY'S WORK OF DIVIDING POPULATION.

4. POLICE SEARCH FOR PERPETRATORS OF INCIDENT BEING PRESSED VIGOROUSLY WITH HELP, ACCORDING TO PRESS, OF IDENTIKIT SKETCHES OF TWO ARABS SUSPECTED OF PLANTING REFRIGERATOR IN WHICH EXPLOSIVES WERE HIDDEN IN FRONT OF ZION SQUARE TOOL SHOP. OF 300 REPORTEDLY DETAINED IN JERUSALEM FOR QUESTIONING, PRESS REPORTS JULY 7 THAT ALL BUT 4 RELEASED. ADDITIONAL ARRESTS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE THROUGHOUT WEST BANK.

5. EXCEPT FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE AND MILITARY IN EVIDENCE, CITY RETURNED TO QUITE NORMAL OPERATION VERY QUICKLY, ALTHOUGH TENSIONS HAVE INCREASED AMONG BOTH ARABS AND ISRAELIS. FORMER GENERALLY KEEPING HEADS DOWN AND EAST JERUSALEM STREETS LARGELY DESERTED AFTER DARK SINCE INCIDENT. JORDAN BRIDGE TRAFFIC WAS RESTRICTED FOLLOWING EXPLOSION BUT RETURNED TO NORAML SUNDAY AFTER REGULAR FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SATURDAY CLOSING. SECURITY CHECKS AT BRIDGES REPORTEDLY INTENSIFIED, HOWEVER.

6. FINAL CASUALTY COUNT FROM EXPLOSION IS 13 DEAD AND 73 INJURED. ARAB DEAD INCLUDED ONE ISRAELI ARAB, TWO EAST JERUSALEMITES AND RELATIVE SAID TO BE VISITING FROM AMMAN. ONLY 23 OF INJURED STILL HOSPITALIZED, FOUR IN SERIOUS CONSIDITION. AS DEPT. INFORMED, ONLY AMERICANS INVOLVED WERE TEENAGE BOY AND GIRL WHO WERE ONLY SLIGHTLY HURT.

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